organisations of Gujarat;

(c) the action taken by Government against them; and

(d) the extent to which the objectives of CAPART have been achieved so far in the State and the steps taken to make the scheme successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) CAPART does not make district-wise allocation of funds. Funds are released by CAPART to the voluntary organisations for the projects sanctioned by it based on the prescribed criteria and as per the guidelines of the relevant schemes.

(b) CAPART has not received any complaint against any voluntary organisation assisted by it in Gujarat.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) By and large, voluntary organisations assisted by CAPART in Gujarat have been able to achieve objectives of the sanctioned projects. CAPART has, however, further strengthened its monitoring and evaluation machanism to ensure more effective and proper implementation of the sanctioned projects by voluntary organisations.

Diversion of Rural Employment Funds in Assam

4197. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allotted by the Central Government to the Assam Government for rural employment and other similar schemes for 1996-97;

(b) whether the said amount has been spent for generating rural employment so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any funds have been diverted to other uses; and

(e) if so, how much and what steps the Central Government propose to take to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The amount allocated by the Central Government and that spent by the Government of Assam for major rural employment Programmes namely IRDP (Integrated Rural Development Programme), JRY (Jawahar Rozgar Yojana), EAS (Employment Assurance Scheme) for 1996-97 is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Allocation/ Release	Expenditure (Upto February, 1997)
IRDP	1371.75	1600.68
JRY	4574.54	3373.29
EAS	10820.00*	5244.41

*Since EAS is a demand driven scheme, no allocation is made. The Figure indicated amount released.

(d) and (e) Steps taken by the Government to check diversion of funds includes devising of detailed monitoring mechanism for various rural employment and poverty alleviation programmes which consists, inter-alia, of obtaining periodical progress reports/returns, financial returns/audit reports, intensive field inspections, reviews and monitoring by committees and by senior officers with the State Secretaries, Commissioners etc.